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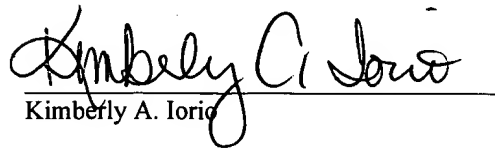
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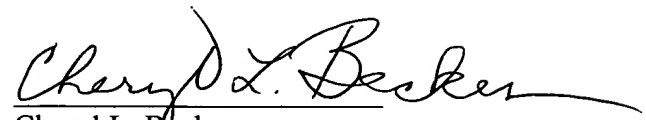
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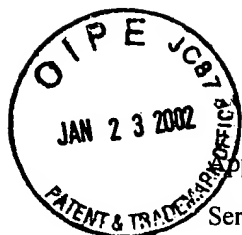
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action in the above-referenced application,
mailed September 17, 2001. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following
amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification to read as follows:

On page 1, lines 7 – 16, please replace the sentence as filed with the following
sentence:

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This application is a continuation-in-part of pending U.S. patent application Serial
No. 09/467,602 filed on December 20, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of allowed
U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/215,818 filed on December 18, 1998, which is a
continuation-in-part of 1) U.S. Patent No. 6,183,952, issued on February 6, 2001, which
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19, 1996, now abandoned, as well as 2) a continuation-in-part of pending U.S. patent